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Brooks, Rev. H. E	Eufaula, Ala.
Hagood Rev. J. J	
Hubbard, Rev. W. D	Eufaula, "
Myers, Rev. I. E	Star Hill, Ala
Ray, Rev. S. O. Y	Midway, Ala.
Reeves, Rev. W. N., D. D	Eufaula, "
Schramm, Rev. H. R	Stewart's Sta.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1, Introductory Sermon.

Association called to order. Devotional Exercises conducted by Moderator.

3. Read Letters and Enroll Delegates.

4. Election of Officers.

5. Application for Membership

6. Appointment of Committees to report at this session: 1. Religious Exercises; 2. State of the churches; 3, Finance; 4, Nominations; 5, Baptist Orphan's Home.

Receive Corres; ondents from Association—Bethel, Centennial, Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Selma,

Tuskegee, Harris, Columbia, Summer Hill.

8. Receive Agents of Board and Visitors.

9. Report of Executive Committee.

ro. Report of Education.

11. Call for Correspondence.

- 12. Report on Missions: 1, State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
- 13. Apportionment.

14. Woman's Work.

15. Orphans' Home.

16. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.

17. Return Correspondence.18. Report on Temperance.

19. Report on Ministerial Education.

20. Report on Sabbath Schools.

21. Missionary Sermon.

22. Report on State of the Churches

23. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.

24. Report on Obituaries,

25. Report on Special Committees.

26. Report on Nominations.

27. Report on Finance Committee.

28. Miscellaneous Business. 20. Final Adjournment

MINUTES.

CLAYTON BAPTIST CHURCH,

Clayton, Ala., Oct. 17, 1899.

- 1. The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held in the Clayton Baptist church, at Clayton, Ala., beginning to-day at 11 a.m.
 - 2. Rev. J. A. Howard preached the introductory sermon,
- 3. Bro. G. L. Comer, Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises.
- 4. The church letters were read by Bro. B. Davie. The following delegates were enrolled:

Bethlehem—J. G. Sinquefield, J. M. Hobdy, J. A. Richards. Clayton -J. J. Hagood, W. H. Robertson, B. Davie, A. S. Borders, J. E. Meadows, T. D. Grubbs, J. P. West.

Center Ridge—J. J. S. Willis, J. H. Hollinsworth, W. N. Whittington.

Cowikee-Not represented

Eufaula 1st—G. L. Comer, W. D. Hubbard, F. M. Gay, Geo. B. Davis, T. F. Jones, W. N. Reeves, D. D.

Eufaula South Side—Not represented.

Evergreen—Not represented.

Glennville-Not represented.

Hawkinsville—H. Hawkins.

Louisville—Adam Capel, M. N. McEachern, Dr. B. F. Bennett. Midway—S. O. Y. Ray, H. R. Schramm, W. C. Jordan, W. E. Jordan, Matthew Hall, Early Cartledge, A. A. Adams, Moses Cox.

Mt. Olive—Not represented.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Old Mt. Zion-S. N. Cox, Ira E. Myers.

Pea Creek-P. M. Grubbs.

Pleasant Hill-Not represented.

Pleasant Plains-M. L. Blakey, Page Floyd, S. A. Blakey.

Pleasant Grove-E. W. Spires, C. C. Seay, W. E. Harrison.

Prospect—A. M. Green, J. C. Gillis, J. A. Green, J. A. Baker, Robt. Carraway, Albert Warr.

Ramah-R, R. Gary, B. F. Gary.

Union—J. E. Fenn, Bennett Bowden, S. Bennett, J. B. Laseter. Clio—N. L. Kennedy.

- 5. On motion Bro. G. L. Comer was elected Moderator.
- 6. On motion Bro. Geo. B. Davis was elected Clerk.
- 7. On motion the Clerk's salary is fixed at \$15.00 per annum.

The following Committee on Religious Exercises was appointed:

- J. J. Hagood, J. E. Meadows, B Davie.
- 9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 2,30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- to. Prayer by Bro. G. S. Anderson.
- 11. Received correspondents:

Judson Association—R. J. Price, W. J. Martin, Newton Association—W. H. Simmons.

12. Agents Boards and Visitors:

Foreign Mission Journal--H. R. Schramm.

Alabama Baptist—J. A. Howard.

Institute Work-G. S. Anderson.

13. On motion Bro. G. S. Anderson was granted time to discuss the Institute Work.

A collection was taken up amounting to \$10.00.

14. On motion the reports on Missions were made the special order of business for to-morrow at 10 a.m.

15. The report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

Report as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

The more we know of the moral and religious influence of woman the better are we prepared to appreciate it. The space allotted to this report would not admit of our undertaking to refer by name to the many noble women who have covered themselves with glory by their vicarious offerings of their means, time and talent for the uplifting of the human tamily and for the salvation of a sin-smitten world,

During the earthly ministry of our Lord, He repeatedly commended the devout women of that day for their beneficence as He never did those about Him of the sterner sex. But this report must be more specific in reference to woman's work in an organized capacity in the Baptist denomination and under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention and denominated the Woman's Missionary Union, with its far reaching influence in the spread of the gospel for the salvation of the world.

Since the organization of this Union it has more than doubled its efficiency for usefulness in less than twelve years. And who could fix the ratio that it could justly claim of the great and grand things that have been accomplished by our various Boards during these years? We observe that the W. M. U. during the last Convention year is credited with having contributed in funds and kind for the different Boards \$64,112 73 and contributed a grand total in eleven years of \$532,971.96. But for this auxiliary our Board would have been hampered in their operations, unless God in His wisdom should have opened up some other avenue of income, and many fields would have remained destitute and many souls cut off in sin who are now basking in the sun light of God's presence.

J. J. S. WILLIS
For Committee,

Discussed by Bros. J. J. S. Willis, J. A Howard, J. J. Hagood, H. R. Schramm.

On motion the report was adopted.

- 16. On motion the hearing the report on Orphans' Home was deferred till to-morrow.
- 17. On motion a new committee was appointed on Aged and Infirm Ministers. Committee as follows:
 - S. O. Y. Ray, W. D. Hubbard, Jno. Green.
 - 18. The application of the Clio Baptist church to become a

member of our body was read, and on motion she was received as a member and the hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator,

19. On motion the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 18, 1899.

20. Bro. H. R. Schramm conducted the devotional exercises.
21. The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

State of the Churches—H. R. Schramm, Dr. B. F. Bennett, F. M. Gay.

Finance--J. E. Meadows, J. E. Fenn, B. F. Gary. Nominations--J. J. S. Willis, A. A. Adams, Ira E. Myers. Orphan's Home-W. D. Hubbard, M. L. Blakey, A. H. Pruett. Apportionment-W. C. Jordan, H. Hawkins, W. E. Harrison.

22. Received correspondents as follows:

Summer Hill, Ga.—A. L. Blizard, Omaha. Troy—N. C. Underwood.

23. Report on State Missions was read by Bro. W D. Hubbard.

Report as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

At the meeting of our Association one year ago, while it was true that our missionary zeal had not abated, we had to face a sad situation. Strong churches and individuals who had hitherto been liberal fell off in their centributions, in some instances as much as 50 per cent. Our State institutions were fettered by bonds which "held." Earnest Evangelists had gone through the State arousing little enthusiasm, and our noble Secretary bearing the great burden was discouraged and sad beyond description. Amid great difficulties and destitution established a church here and there, as the Lord directed him. To-day the situation is brighter. As regards our denominational debts we

are on the other side of the Red Sea. The long looked for financial prosperity seems, at last, to have visited our State and farm and factory alike have felt the wave. Our College, Howard College, is out of debt, so is the Judson. Our Board is in good condition.

When our new Secretary, or I might say our old Secretary of many years faithful service, came back to the State our hearts were made to rejoice. It seems when in "afflictions valley and treading the road of care," God's grace has been sufficient for him and he has been more efficient even than in former years. Let the churches throughout the State and especially in the Eufaula Association, rally around him and hold up Moses' hands as it were.

We plead for a larger fellowship and more co-operation on the part of the churches. There must be a stronger tie binding together pastors in city and country. With hearts swelling with State pride, with gratitude to God for enlarged opportunities, with consecrated bodies and spirits which belong to God, let us reach out a helping hand to boys and girls in the mountains, break the bread of life to those in the factories, develop the churches in the country and place our State, which already stands first in natural resources and military glory, first in missionary work.

W. D. HUBBARD.

Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. W. N.* Reeves, D, D.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home Missions is so vast in extent and so important that it is difficult to speak upon it in the time and space allotted to this report. It is impossible to take even a bird's eye view of the extended territory it covers and the great destitution that prevails in almost every portion of it in a brief discussion. There has west of the Mississippi river a vast territory covering an area of 40c miles wide and 800 miles long embracing among others Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. In the whole of this section the most alarming destitution prevails and the frontier missionaries and their families endure great privations and hardships and are doing a heroic work. They appeal to and deserve the most cordial support of all who love the Master's cause And all things considered marvelous success is attending their self-sacrificing labors.

Then there is the work in Cuba. Southern Baptists have long maintained successful missions in that beautiful and highly favored island. There truly every prospect pleases and only man

is vile. The report that comes of the oppression and exactions of the Romish church practiced upon the inhabitants of that island are truly shocking to those accustomed to the liberties of our own land. Among other things they are forced to pay grave rent and if they fail to pay it the bones of their dead are dug up and left in piles in their cemeteries that are controlled by the Roman Catholic church. On account of and through the labors of our leading working missionaries through Brother Diaz, the patriot-preacher, whom many of us know and have met, the island of Cuba is specially opened to our missionaries and has been called Baptist ground.

But we won't go into details however interesting and profiting. These vast and destitute territories are calling on us for aid and relying on the Home Mission Board of the Southern

Baptist Convention for this much needed aid.

Our Board has been fortunate for many years in its leader. Dr. Tichenor has for 14 years successfully carried on this work, ever extending and widening it and leading it on to greater usefulness. Doctor Tichenor, though still in health and strength, feeling that advancing years admonished him of the uncertainties of life, has had the privilege and honor of selecting his successor to the important and distinguished office of Secretary of the Home Mission Board. He was fortunate in securing for this position Rev. Dr. Kerfoot, for many years a professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and well and favorably known all over our Southern Baptist Zion. A more suitable man could hardly be found among the Baptist churches of the South. We may confidently look forward to increased usefulness and still greater success under the direction of Bro. Kerfoot the new Secretary. This Board appeals to the support of every Baptist member of this Association.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. H. R. Schramm, In connection with the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions the report of our Missionary, W. J. Martin, and his work at Clio, was made.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to report on Foreign Missions beg

leave to submit the following:

We believe that Foreign Missions is the basal rock on which all Missions rest; that it was the first Mission and that it originated in Heaven; that the first Board that was organized was organized in Heaven and that it was a Foreign Mission Board. The members of this Board had as its President God, the Father, and the Secretary was the Holy Spirit, and Christ was the first Missionary sent from Heaven to earth; so He was the first Missionary and He was a Foreign Missionary. "God sent His Son, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Out of Foreign Missions was established other Missions Therefore, as God sent His son, so Christ came and sent out His disciples. And therefore every Christian should be a missionary to some one else.

This work has grown so that now we have missionaries in South China, Central China, North China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan, who are all doing faithful work. There were baptized on the Foreign fields last year 845 persons. This is by far the largest number of baptisms ever reported in connection with the work for one year. For this grand success

we should praise God and take courage, and be more faithful

in the Foreign Mission work.

Many noble men and women are anxious to go to the Foreign field, but the Board has not the money to send them. We hope the time is not far distant when we can go to praying to the Lord to send forth laborers into His harvest. He has already given us more than we are sending and until our treasury has more money than men to go why pray for more men? But let us still pray for laborers and let us also pray for money. God's people have the money and we can't get this money until they give it, and they will never give it until they get Foreign Missions in their hearts and in their pocket books. The expense of sending a dollar to Foreign fields was 15 per cent last year, so that 85 cents reached the missionary on the field. The Foreign Mission Board asked for an increase in Foreign Missions at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Conventian at Louisville, Ky., of twenty-five per cent.

We, your committee, therefore recommend that this Association increase its contribution to Foreign Missions at least 20 per cent, the coming year and that each church take regular contributions for Foreign Missions and send to State Board of Missions.

We urge that all the pastors of the churches of this Association disseminate the literature furnished by the Foreign Mission Board, such as tracts and leaflets, and that they get up a club in each of their churches for the Foreign Mission Journal, which in Clubs of ten they can get for 25c a year, published monthly, 35c single copy.

We ask the Apportionment Committee to remember our recommendation of an increase of 25 per cent. be added to appor-

tionment for Foreign Missions.

We also recommend that the Association have a special prayer offered for our Secretary, Bro. R. J. Willingham, in his work

and for all of our missionaries on the foreign field or who may

be resting at home,

We are glad to report that the Board has increased the missionary strength on Foreign Missionary fields to 19 more laborers. Let us thank God for this and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Schramm, Chairman,

REPORT OF W. J. MARTIN,"

On work for your Association at Clio, Ala., beginning the first Sabbath in March: The work at Clio is doing very well. I believe that our cause there will prosper. It will take hard work. Our work has been very gratifying and the Lord will do great things there through His gospel.

W. J. MARTIN.

Discussed by Bros. J. A. Howard, H. R. Schramm.

Further discussion was postponed till after the Missionary Sermon by Bro. Hubbard.

After the sermon a collection was taken up amounting to \$101.88.

On motion the Association adjourned till 2:30 p, m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 24. Bro. B. Davie conducted devotional exercises.
- 25. Discussion of Missions was resumed by Bro. W. C. Jordan. On motion the reports were adopted.
- 26. The report on Temperance was read by Bro J. J. Hagood.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Brethren of the Association: We, your Committee on Tem-

perance, beg to submit the following:

The Bible, our guide in faith and practice, commands that we be temperate in all things. Intemperance in the use of intoxicating drinks gets such possession of the man, holds with such a strong grasp and is so destructive to all that is good and noble and beautiful, until intemperance in nothing else

will compare with intemperance here. Hence with us, when the word intemperance is used, unless specially qualified, it means the excessive use of intoxicating drinks.

The Bible gives us ample warning and direction as to this

kind of intemperance.

The Nazarites who were set apart for the Lord's service were not to touch wine. The Lord spoke with approval of the voluntary vow of the Rechabites, made that they would never drink any wine. The priest, on penalty of death, was not to touch wine while ministering before the Lord. And we cannot drink if we would be priests unto God, set apart for His service, and be most useful in His Kingdom.

Intemperance is itself a sin and many are the sins growing out of it and associated with it. God's curse is upon it and woe

upon the man that encourages it.

Much of the world's wealth is squandered in intemperance. It is the source of untold crimes and suffering and misery, and want and heartaches, and the one guilty of this will be prevent-

ed from entering the Kindgom of Heaven.

We would urge that men abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. We would remind them that, while Jesus turned water into wine and Paul recommended a little as a medicine, drunkeness is everywhere condemned and total abstinence meets with approval. We state further, that if its use is not altogether condemned in the Bible, for several reasons it cannot be argued from the wine of the Bible that it is right for men to make use of the distilled drinks of today. The age in which we live is intense. The drinks now are distilled and are so much stronger, and are not the products of the farms used where made. Drinking now encourages and supports a great organized system that is a peril to our government and an enemy to all that is good.

We recommend that this Association request:

1st. That our churches remember that drunkenness is a sufficient cause for the withdrawal of fellowship from any member.

2d. That no man be supported to represent us or make laws for us until he is found to be opposed to the sale of alcoholic drinks.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. HAGOOD, Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. J. J. Hagood, H. Hawkins, J, A. Howard, G. L. Comer, S. O. Y. Ray, H. R. Schramm, A. L. Blizard.

On motion the report was adopted.

27. The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray,

Report as follows:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee is glad to report that we have no aged and infirm ministers in our bounds, but would urge that amounts be collected annually and sent to this body to be used in giving aid to ministers and their families who may need such aid in other portions of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. RAY.

On motion the report was adopted.

28, The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We are glad to report a favorable outlook for this department of our work. The payment of our debts in the State has given us an impetus in all our work. But especially is this true of Howard College. When a crushing debt has been weighing them down to the earth for many years, the removal of this debt has created possibilities for the education of our ministers which cannot now be estimated.

At our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary also the prospects are brighter than for several years and the attendance is

quite large.

Nor would we leave out of this report the work done by our Institute Board which is seeking to reach the great masses of our uneducated ministers in the country districts. They have held 13 Institutes the present year in which 177 ministers were present and received aid.

We would call special attention to our own Bro. S. H. Bennett who is now in the Seminary, and we would recommend that any financial aid he may need be supplied by this Association.

In conclusion your committee would urge that prayer to God be made by the churches for more laborers called of God for work in His vineyard, and that more care be taken in setting apart young men for the ministry, and farther that our young ministers be urged to avail themselves of the advantages afforded them by these schools and that they seek thorough preparation for their life work. Failing to do this at this time will subject them to conditions which must inevitably greatly hinder them in their work,

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. RAY.

On motion the report was adopted.

29. On motion the Association adjourned till to-morrow at 9 a. mi.

THIRD DAY.

- 30. The Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro, W. N. Reeves, D. D.
- 31. The report on Orphans' Home was read by Bro. W. D. Hubbard.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Our Orphanage has been in operation little more than six years. During this time we have received into it 49 boys and 69 girls, and out of it have gone 28 boys and 27 girls, leaving in the institution 21 boys and 42 girls-63 in all.

These children came from twenty four counties, as follows:

Autauga 2	Lee10
	Limestone 1
Bibb 2	Marengo 4
Butler 3	Monroe 4
Conecuh 2	Morgan 3
Covington 8	Montgomery 7
Elmore 2	Pike 2
Escambia II	Russell I
Hale 2	Talladega 8
Henry 4	Tallapoosa
Jefferson	Tuscaloosa
Lamar I	Walker 6
COLUMN TO THE STATE OF THE STAT	

The Home is situated on Main street, next door to the Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged, and where all of our children, that are old enough, attend.

The boys are taught to work on the farm, and the girls to do various kinds of house work. The crop the boys were making this year, was greatly damaged by a hail-storm early in June.

Mrs. C. W. Ansley, who had been Matron since the Home began, retired from the work with the beginning of this year, and Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, of Greensboro, was elected to fill that position.

It is gratifying to note the continued improvement in the domestic life of the children, The Matron has arranged one of the rooms for a chapel, and every Sunday afternoon a happy band make melody their hearts to the Lord.

During this year the children have been put in uniforms, which adds much to their appearance and is no more expensive than

their former dress. It promotes family life.

It takes about ten dollars a day to support the family, besides what they get in goods. They have no income except the offerings of their friends. "It is more blessed to give than receive."

A collection was taken up amounting to \$30.22.

Discussed by Bro. W. J. Martin.

On motion the report was adopted.

32. The report on Apportionments was read by Bro. W. C. Jordan.

Report as follows!

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT. We, your committee on Apportionment, report the following:

We have surveyed the field and suggest the amounts named for each church be raised during this associated year: Bethlehem....\$ 25 00 Clayton..... 150 00 Centre Ridge..... Eufaula, First.... 275 09 Eufaula, South Side..... 25 00 Evergreen..... 5 00 Glennville..... 10 00 Hawkinsville...... 25 00 Midway..... 200 oc 15 00 Mt. Zion, Old..... 20 00 5 00 Pleasant Grove..... 15 00 Pleasant Hill 5 00 Prospect...... 50 00 Ramah 35 00 Union 30 00 Pleasant Plains... 25 00 Louisville..... 25 00-\$1000 00 WM. C. JORDAN, H. HAWKINS,

W. E HARRISON,

Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

33. The report on Bible and Colportage was read by Bro. Green.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK,

We, your committee on Bible and Colportage Work, beg

leave to report as follows:

The Bible is the best book in the world, because God is its author, and the salvation of man is the purpose for which it was given. Its entrance giveth life and by it life is supported and guided. In it there is encouragement and comfort. Its words are like music that can never be forgotten. A nation's glory and its perpetuity depends on the place it gives God's Word.

In Russia, although the Greek church is dominant and religious liberty is not guaranteed, yet the Bible is free to circulate

and through its circulation liberty will come.

The missionaries in many lands have been busy, not only in teaching the individual to bring him to Christ, but getting the unwritten language formulated and translating the Bible that every one may read in his own tongue. This work of translation has been the most arduous, patient and self-sacrificing, but when achieved the foundations are laid for stable government

and Christianity is victorious.

Much has been done in the last century in giving the Bible to the people. It was in about 1804 that the first Bible Society was organized. Since that time the combined Bible Societies of the world have issued about 270,000,000 copies of the Bible. The Publication Society has sent since May 1st, 1898, 300,000 copies. It has distributed on an average of \$18,000 each year since 1883 Its Bible distribution reaches every state and territory in the union. They are also sending Bibles to Cuba, Porto Rico, Canada, Mexico and South America. Our Societies are furnishing our missionaries with much needed help.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville is distributing Bibles and Sunday School literature where they are needed and it is known to the Board that they are not able to buy them. We have had no Colporter in our Association since Bro. Jenkins left us the 1st of January. We urge that our pastors see that people in their territory are supplied with Bibles, good books and tracts, &c, as a Colporter would supply them. The pastors, with the help of the good people in communities, can place in all the homes a Bible where there is none, and can place many good books and papers and tracts where much good would be

done, This work is sadly needed. There are families yet that have not a Bible,

Respectfully submitted, A. M. Green, Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. J. J. Hagood, W. N. Reeves, H. R. Schramm B. Davie, Ira E. Myers, J. A. Howard, T. F. Jones.

On motion the report was adopted.

34. The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. B. Davie. Report as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In all the varied departments of the work of the church there is possibly not one which more nearly approximates its full measure of responsibility and usefulness than the Sunday school. Letters from the several churches read before this body show the Sunday school interest to be indeed a live issue throughout the bounds of this Association.

The chairman of your committee has had the happy privilege of doing some missionary work among the various Sunday schools throughout the country, and almost invariably finds crowds of enthusiastic workers in attendance, even where but a brief time for circulating appointments has been practicable.

It has become almost a truism under various forms of expression regarding the Sunday school work that it lives and moves

with less help than anything.

It will be seen by reference to the church letters that a good percentage of the churches report evergreen Sunday schools. We emphasize this as a feature of progress in this important field and believe the time is coming when the "winter-quarters" idea will be a thing of the past. On the first Sunday in February a little more than two years ago, the writer went by previous appointment to assist in reorganizing a school that had closed down for the winter. The weather was exceedingly in clement, icicles hung from every little branch and twig and we little thought to find a single soul with hardihood sufficient to brave such weather, and yet we found thirty people in attendance, and there around a huge log fire in that little country house we prayed the Blessed Master's co-operation and reopened a school which had only been closed one month; and some one blurted out the sentiment of the crowd when he said: "If we just had have known it we needn't have closed at all."

Yet, might the Blessed Master say of us as of one of the churches in Asia long ago: "I have somewhat against thee," The indifference on the part of a large number of church members to this great work is alarming. It seems incredible that

men and women for whom our Blessed Saviour died-saved and justified by His precious blood-should withhold co-opera-

tion, yet this is a sad fact.

We recommend that the ministers throughout this Association stress the urgent need of more laborers in the Sunday school from the ranks of their respective churches.

Fraternally submitted,

B. Davie, Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. B. Davie.

On motion the report was adopted.

35. The report on the State of the Churches was read by Bro. H. R. Schramm.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your committee appointed to report on the State of the

Churches, beg leave to make the following report:

We find from the letters sent up to this Association that 14 churches are represented by letters and messengers; 6 churches are not represented by either letter or messenger. One of these churches. Mt. Zion, sent \$10.50 in money but no letter or messenger. 15 churches report revivals; 67 baptisms are reported. One church reports 2 Sunday schools and 2 prayer meetings; the other of the 15 churches represented report Sunday schools; 9 churches report weekly prayer-meetings. The spirituality of most of the churches is good; some excellent, while others are not so good. One new church has been admitted into the Association, Clio. She reports weekly prayer-meeting and Sabbath school; a protracted meeting; 1 by baptism; 1 by letter, and they are to have another meeting soon.

Southside reported verbally: A revival, Sunday school,

prayer-meeting, additions to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Schramm, Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. H. R. Schramm, On motion the report were adopted.

36. The report on Nominations was read by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations beg to submit the following:

For Representative to Southern Baptist Convention—J. J.

Hagood; alternate W. D. Hubbard.

To State Convention—H. R. Schramm; alternate, W. C. Jordan. W. D. Hubbard; alternate, A. A. Couric. Dr. C. L. Guice; alternate, G. W. Hollingsworth. H. Hawkins; alternate, V. Crawford. S. O. Y. Ray; alternate, L. E. Cartledge. J. J. Hagood; alternate, A. S. Borders. J. T. Watkins; alternate, M. Floyd. R. R. Gary; alternate, H. B. Florence. J. E. Fenn; alternate, J. B. Laseter. J. J. S. Willis.

Executive Committee—G. L. Comer, Geo. B. Davis, B. Davie,

J. M. Hobdy, Thos. F. Jones.

Session to hold its next meeting at Louisville Baptist church

on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1900.

To preach the Introductory Sermon - J. J. Hagood; alternate, S. O. Y. Ray.

Missionary Sermon-W. N. Reeves, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. S. WILLIS, A. A. ADAMS, IRA E. MYERS, Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Motion was made by Bro, S. O. Y. Ray that this Association co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the 19th century movement.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Bro. G. L. Comer and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee has held only one meeting the present year, at which time Bro. Wm. Martin was employed for one-fourth of his time to preach at Clio where our former Missionary, Bro. J. K. Jenkins, had constituted a church. We promised Bro. Martin \$12,50 per month for his services, urging that all of this amount possible should be collected on the field. Bro. Martin has raised about \$125.00 for the purpose of building them a house of worship, \$25.00 of this amount he contributed himself. We recommend that this work be continued if possible, and we further recommend that Bro Martin be paid for 9 months ending November next \$112,50 out of the funds sent up to this body for State Missions. Further, we recommend that the balance due our former Missionary be paid out of the same fund. We are due him about \$30,00.

Respectfully submitted.

G. L. Comer, Chairman. 39. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That we tender our sincere gratitude to this people and citizens of Clayton for their generous and lovable hospitality to the delegates and visitors of this Association during our stay in their midst, which has been both pleasant and delightful.

A. H. PRUETT.

40. The following resolution offered by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray was adopted:

That the amount of \$142,50 be paid over to G. L. Comer, Chairman of the Executive Committee, \$112.50 due Bro. Wm. Martin, and \$30,00 dne Bro. J. K. Jenkins for missionary services rendered by them to this Association.

- 41. On motion 600 copies of the minutes were ordered printed.
- 42. On motion the report of the Ladies Meeting, which was held during the session of this Association, be corporated in the minutes of this Association.

Report as follows:

REPORT OF THE LADIES MEETING

Of the Eufaula Association, held at Clayton, Ala., Oct. 18th.

1. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. J. C. Meadows, Vice-President of the W. M. U. of the Eufaula Association, fol-

lowed by that beautiful hymn, "Come Holy Spirit."

- 2. There were reports read from five out of eight Missionary and Aid Societies in the Association. They show not only increased attendance but large contributions and more interest in the Master's cause. One Society which meets only once a month having but four members, reports \$28.66. This shows what could be accomplished if we would only wake up and go to work.
- 3. Report on Foreign Missions by Mrs. W. D. Hubbard, of Eufaula:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Lord, having finished his mighty sacrifice, appeared to the Eleven who had assembled in the mountain in Galilee, and who gathered about Him in great wonderment. As He was being carried up into heaven He gave His last command: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

The work the disciples begun then amid discouragements.

suffering and persecution Christians are carrying on today in this age of enlightenment in the same way. At one time the reports are so encouraging that we are all aglow with enthusiasm and zeal, and the next news perhaps make us feel like giving up altogether. But it takes these lights and shadows to make us do. The work is moving forward. In the six foreign fields there were 699 conversions last year. Our missionaries are rejoicing. Japan has thrown open her doors to foreigners who may now become citizens, while China, almost as dark as Africa, is asking for books, literature and enlightenment.

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville last May, it was determined to enlarge our foreign mission work 25 per The Board has already sent out ten new missionaries. There are today one billion heathers, one hundred thousand of whom pass away every day without Christ. Of course as the population increases, the call, come over into Macedonia and help us, becomes louder, stronger and more pathetic. So it behooves us each year to increase our stock, as it were. Give more time, more prayers, more energy, and best of all, more money. We must keep abreast with the world, and we will do it by the help of Him whose work it is. Our ladies have worked nobly, but the more we do the more we have to do. Let us all take, and not only take but read the Foreign Mission Jour-It gives us facts, and facts are what we need to know, some of which will make the hair to stand on end. Also there are tracts abounding with information that we can get from the W. M. N. rooms in Baltimore. We can not work intelligently, sisters, without this knowledge. There is no other way. We must study foreign missions, we must pray for these benighted ones, and we must give our substance, give until it hurts, give until we feel it.

The week of self-denial which is so sweet to us, is being kept all over our Southern land. By giving seven cents a day, each of us can support a native worker. Let us double our sacrifice next year, let us not only support these noble men and women, but show them that the little they require is neither a grudge nor a drain. How it would make the heart of Miss Willie Kelley, our own missionary, well with joy and happiness, should we present her with ten dollars over and above her allowance, and would not the Saviour give us an approving smile?

Three new phases have been added to our work, the Babies Branch, Star Cards and Young People's Scripture Union, and I see, too, that there is talk of supporting a physician in China, by the birthday money of the children. Some of our missionaries have lost their little ones because no physician was near. Dear Sisters, the work is great! Let us resolve, and not only resolve, but carry out the resolutions with hearts aglow with

love, with purpose firm—let us determine to meet the demand, however great. We must strengthen the finances of our Board for that is the weak point.

Give as you would to the Master, if you met His searching look, Give as you would if His own hand the proffered offering took.

We will work, study resolve, sacrifice, pray, and thus meet the plaudit: "Good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

MRS. W. D. HUBBARD,

4. The reading of Foreign Missionary letters by Miss Willie Kendrick. The many sacrifices, suffering and hardships undert gone by these faithful servants brought tears to many eyes.

5. Report on Orphanage by Mrs. W. D. Andrews:

OUR ORPHANAGE

Which is in Evergreen, Ala., has been in operation a little more than six years. During this period it has acomplished incalculable good. Time alone will unfold its wonderful benefits to the church and society. Already one hundred and eighteen children, all friendless, some of them beggars, outcasts and street waifs, have been gathered from the four quarters of the state and made to feel its benign influence. They have been sheltered, fed, clothed, and schooled in morality and the bible, and in addition taught some useful occupation. that as they are turned out upon the world they are prepared to meet, and are meeting, life and its stern issues as becomes men and women Nearly half, in exact figures, twenty from the sixty-six counties in this state have been represented in this Orphan's Home. Barbour alone has furnished eight of the one hundred and eighteen children. At present there are sixty-three children in the home, and are under the care and influence of that conscientious christian woman, Mrs. Jenny E. Hardy, who was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Ansley. Who can fail to appreciate the work of this institution. or overrate its value when they think of what it has accomplished.

If the angels in heaven shout hallelujahs over one lost soul reclaimed, what must be the joy of humanity when we tell them of these hundred and eighteen we have taken from the hot-beds of sin and crime, and placed in a holy atmosphere and taught religion and good citizenship. During the present year the children have been put in uniform. This, Mrs. Hardy says, is no more expensive, and promotes family life. Certainly this is true, for it places them all on equality with respect to dress,

and all being alike in this, prevents any jealousies.

The expenses of this charitable institution are not by any means small. Indeed, they are heavy, and its only resource is the church and offerings from friends. The Ladies' Aid So-

ciety of Clayton, has taken one child to clothe, and earnestly requests the other societies to do the same. Your money could not be spent in a more praiseworthy way and you would be laboring for some definite end. We read that the Saviour went about doing good. He is our grand prototype and this, then, is our high mission and privilege, Peculiarly is it ours as mothers to go out into the highways and reclaim the abandoned orphans, to relieve their distresses, care for and educate them and thus be God's agents in leading them to Christ. So let each society work with this aim in view and every child reclaimed will be a gem in our crown of usefulness which will shine forever and ever.

6. The ladies were urged to supplement the salaries of the frontier Missionaries by sending boxes of clothing, etc.

7. Distribution of Miss Willie Kelley's star cards and other

literature.

8 An inspiring talk, "The power of a consecrated woman," by Bro. W. D. Hubbard, of Eufaula, was greatly enjoyed and was very helpful.

The amount contributed is as follows: Missions \$194,38;

Church Aid \$402.43; Total \$596.81.

43. The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

44. The following Standing Committees were appointed to report at its next session:

Obituaries—H. Hawkins, J. H. Hollingsworth, Adam Capel. Aged and Infirm Ministers—A. A. Adams, M. N. McEachern, B. F. Gary.

Temperance-J. J. S. Willis, W. H. Robertson, Dr. B. F.

Bennett.

Bible and Colportage—Ira E. Myers, J. O. Green, S. A. Blakey, Sabbath Schools—B. Davie, W. N. Whittington, Moses Cox. Ministerial Education and Institute Work—W. D. Hubbard, S. O. Y. Ray, J. J. Hagood.

Orphans' Home -W. C Jordan, J. M Hobdy, J. E. Fenn. State Missions—S. O. Y. Ray, F. M. Gay, M. L. Blakey, Home Missions—J. J. Hagood, T. F. Jones, Matthew Hall. Foreign Missions—W. C Jordan, A. S. Borders, J. B Laseter. Woman's Work—W. H. Robertson, W. E Jordan, F. M. Grubbs

45. On motion the collection just taken up to be held by the Clerk as a contingent fund,

46. On motion the funds in hands of Clerk designated for State Missions and a sufficient amount from the collection taken

yesterday be used to cover the amounts appropriated during this session and balance of same be applied to Foreign Missions.

47. On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Louisville Baptist church, at Louisville, Ala., Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1900.

G. L. Comer, Moderator.

GEO. B. DAVIS,

Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

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OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Adopted at its organization, November 13th, 1854.

We the Church of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, were hereby constituted an Association under the above title upon the following principles, or

ABSTRACT OF FAITH:

1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular elec-

tion.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin,

5. We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God

only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and

never finally fall away.

- 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
- 10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and that the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
 - 11. We believe that no ministers have a right to the admin-

istration of the ordinances, except such as have been regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the

churches in our Union shall compose the Association.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

ART 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be de-

nominated the Eufaula Baptist Association.

ART. 4 This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor do any act by which they can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

ART. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present. The Clerk shall

act as Treasurer also.

ART. 6. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. No church in this Association shall have more than two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one

for every twenty-five thereaster.

ART. 8. Any church may ask advice of the Association, as an advisory council, but the advice shall not be considered authoritative in matters where the peace of the church is concerned.

ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by

the member who made it.

ART. 10. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except he depart from the subject.

ART. 11. No person shall speak more than three times on the

same subject, without leave of the Association.

ART. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering during a public speech, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

ART. 13. No member shall exempt himself from the Associa-

tion without leave of the Moderator.

ART, 14. If any member shall break the Rules of Decorum he shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

ART. 15. It shall be the business of this Association—1st. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2nd. To keep up correspondence with sister Associations of

the same faith and order.

3rd. To give the churches the best advice in matters of difficulty; and if the communication should be broken between any of the sister churches in the Union to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches whom they should look upon as unsound in principle or immoral in practice, till such church or churches be reclaimed.

4th. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assist-

ants, if they should judge it to be necessary.

5th. To require the Clerk to record the proceedings of the Association (which shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises at each annual meeting), to superintend the printlng and distribution of the minutes, a file of which shall be preserved by him, and that he be compensated for his services.

6th. To amend this plan or form of government at any time when the majority of the Union shall deem it to be necessary.

7th. To adjourn to any time and place which may be thought

proper.

ART. 16. Any brother from this body present at the session of any Association with which we correspond be recognized as a correspondent, and any of our members present at the Alabama Baptist State Convention may fill any vacancy that occurs from the absence of the appointees to that body.

ART. 17. Those brethren to whom is assigned special work

in the Association be enrolled as members of the same.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

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MEMORANDUM.—Contributed by Ladies Aid Societies as part of above Missions: Clayton \$145.70; Center Ridge \$19.30; Bufaula \$159.45; Louisville \$10.00; Midway \$50.58
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